

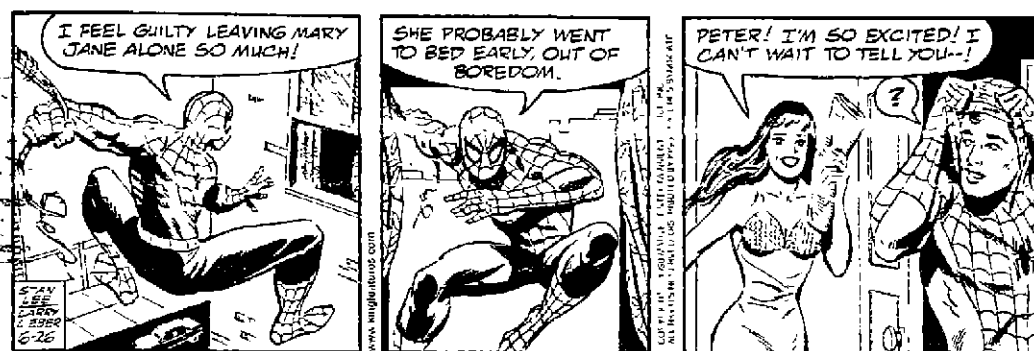
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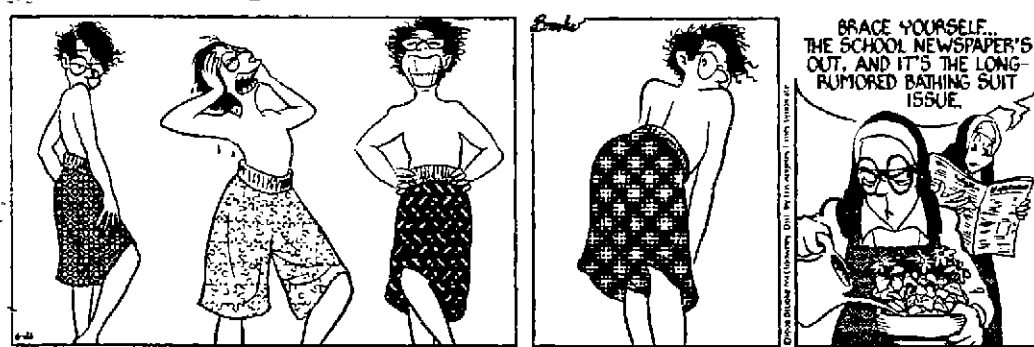
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



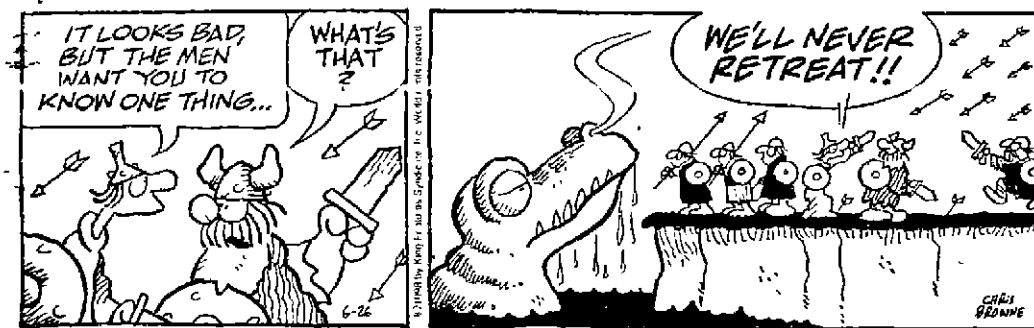
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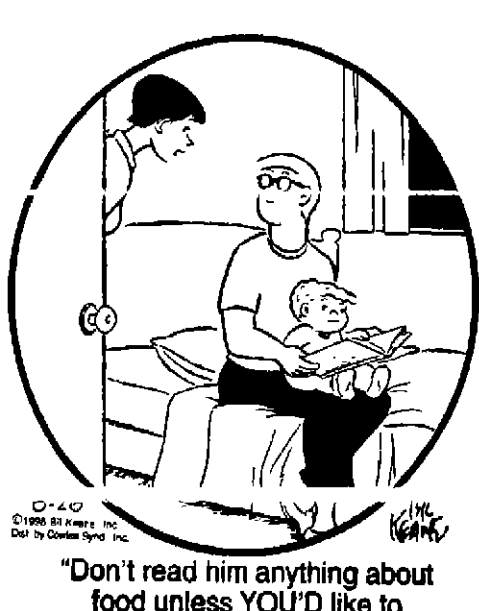
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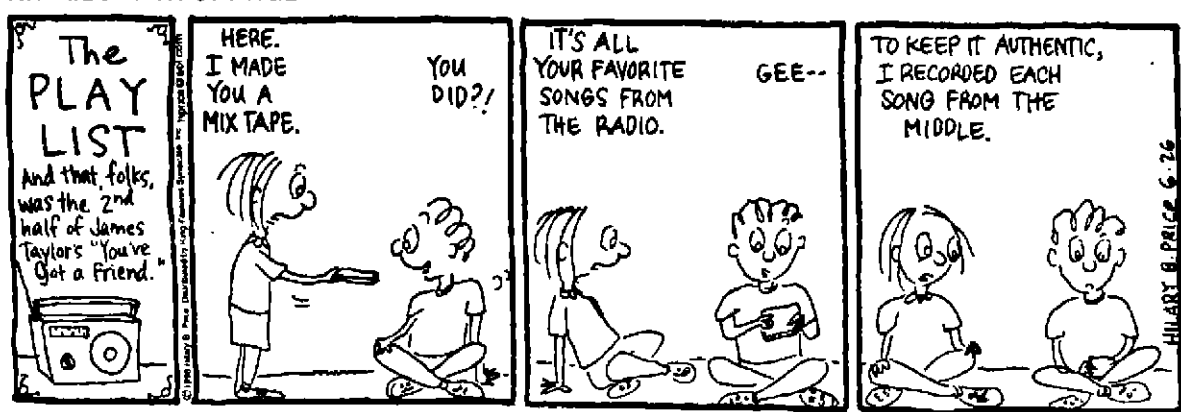
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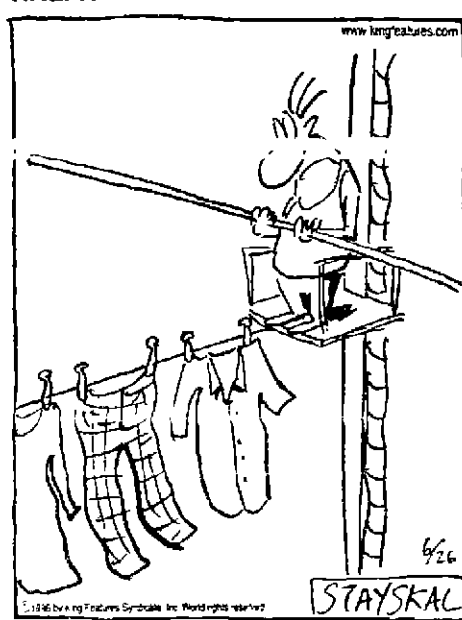
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



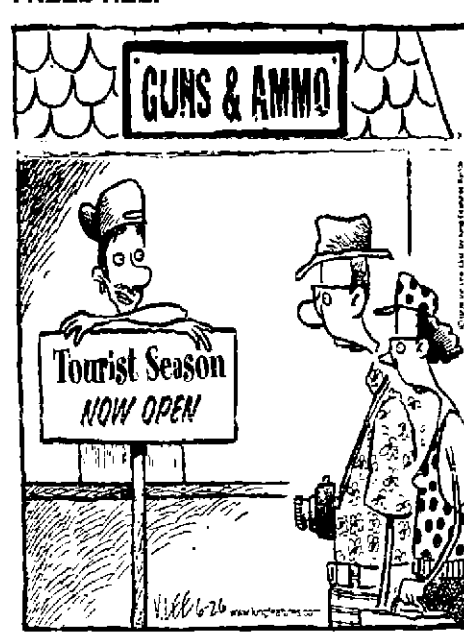
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Eleanor Parker is 78. Jazz musician-film com-
... is 64. Singer Billy Davis Jr. (The Fifth Dimension) is 58. Singer Georgie Fame is 55. Actor Clive Francis is 52. Actor Robert Davi ("Profiler") is 44. Singer-musician Mick Jones (The Clash: Big Audio Dynamite) is 43. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 42. Singer Patty Smyth is 41. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 37. Actor Mark McKinney is 36. Actor Chris O'Donnell is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 130-140
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, June 27, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't count your chickens before they hatch. Have you been forgetting something important?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are likely to be butting heads with someone early in the day. Try to keep your arrogant streak in check.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone might take a casual comment far more seriously than you intended.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you know you've made some great decisions lately, try not to appear too self-satisfied.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Some unexpected fun with friends is likely to leave you laughing till your sides hurt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Keep your feelings to yourself, lest a relationship turn into a battle of wits. Try to avoid overbearing people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Feeling in need of some fresh inspiration? Sometimes it's found in the most unlikely places.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It is not the best time to ask for a raise, as your boss is not as impressed with you as you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) An unexpected event teaches you something important about yourself and a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Although group activities might be planned, you're better off flying solo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) The time has come to make a few decisions. If you're attached, you might discover you've been too harsh on your partners.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your tendency to be melodramatic is showing. If a friend needs to talk, make sure you really are willing to listen.

WORD SLEUTH

Relative Positions

HEBYVSQWNKHTBY
WTROADJOININGLJ
GEBYWURLRPNEKDI
GDBZXVSEQOMCRKI
GECAYWUBHSQAPNY
LJHFECRRATWJEB A
YXRUVUSEGQPRDRTW
PNMAKTDNUORAUD
JHFEFCNOBZEYFOI
XVUATAOMDNIHEBM
ROPOMLYAKEVOBAI

Thursday's unlisted clue: BRETT
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: In The Middle Of A Distance

About After Before Nearby
Above After Behind Upward
Adjacent Among Below Yonder
Adjoining Around Farther

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

What should South do when a foul trump break reveals one more loser than he can afford? The last thing he should do is surrender. He might as well play on. His luck cannot get worse, and perhaps a miracle might save his spade game. South takes dummy's club ace and leads a trump, covering East's 10 with his queen and losing to West's ace. Another club goes to dummy's king, and South leads another trump, gasping for air when East discards. With three obvious trump losers and no place to put his losing trick, how can he possibly make his game? It doesn't look good, but it's no time to concede. South should win his trump king, leaving West's high trumps at large. With nothing to lose, South cashes dummy's diamond king and dummy's two top hearts. Next he ruffs dummy's last club and cashes his ace and queen of diamonds. When West follows suit, South has won his ninth trick, and dummy still has two trumps. Now, when South leads his last diamond, success is ensured. If West ruffs, one of dummy's trumps will score the game-going trick. And if West discards, dummy's ruff does the same thing. How did the "miracle" take place? Declarer refused to surrender, eventually finding a little luck to offset the unlucky trump break. After South's diamond queen cashes, the defenders must score two of their obvious winners on the same trick.

Vulnerable Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♠ Pass

Opening lead: Club queen

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No. 0515

ACROSS

1 Village in Isaac Bashevis Singer stories
7 Chickadees, e.g.
14 Lens cover?
16 Mexican dance music
18 With enthusiasm
17 "Green Eyes" singer Helen, in 40's music
19 42-Across's claim to fame
20 Weat's opposite
21 Sterile
22 Redolent rub-ons
23 Wrapper weight
24 Quasi-educational grp.
25 Jazz pianist chick
26 Colossus
27 Natural ladle
28 Scene of confusion
29 Country singer Stuart
30 Plastic alternative
31 Pouts
32 Assailed
33 Heartsease
34 Deliver dinner
35 Mom-and-pop org.?
36 It's carried on the shoulders
37 "—et Magistra" (John XXIII encyclical)
40 Astor's inventory
41 Uncommunicative
42 Forward-looking man?
44 Brasserie order
46 Picked locks?
47 When repeated twice, Olive Oyl's measurements
48 Cyclotron inventor—Lawrence
49 Certifies
50 Savvy

DOWN

1 Ancient amulet
2 Lingers watchfully
3 Grist for "Jeopardy!"
4 Broke off
5 Order
6 Staggards
7 Port on Commencement Bay
8 Legholds?
9 Pantry items
10 Staff
11 Restaurant freebie
12 Knockout (drops)
13 Actress Atkins
14 Churned about
15 Dewdle
22 Yak's home
25 Pavin of the links
26 Fall (off)
27 Magnetic induction unit
28 Payment standards
29 Significant stone
30 Emancipate
31 Wooden reinforcing strip
32 City near Los Angeles
33 Social strata
34 Heart, essentially
35 Like best friends
37 Ledger column
38 Bach composition
40 "Sleeping Beauty" fairy
42 Clearwing catchers
43 Brown building
44 "Clockers" director

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